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SUBJECT: CYPRUS-GENEVA II-MAKARIOS

SUMMARY - BRITISH OFFICIALS SAY THAT SECOND ROUND OF GENEVA TALKS MAY NOT TAKE PLACE UNLESS TURKEY INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO BE "REASONABLE" IN ITS CLAIMS FOR POLITICAL AUTONOMY FOR TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND FOR TERRITORY. MEANWHILE ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS APPEARS TO BE RESIGNED TO PROBABILITY THAT HE WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO CYPRUS FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. END SUMMARY

1. GREECE/TURKEY/CYPRUS/MALTA OFFICE DIRECTOR EAGLETON CALLED ON SENIOR BRITISH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CYPRUS ON AUGUST 5. HE MET WITH SIR JOHN KILLICK, CHARLES WIGGIN, FRANK BRENCHLY, MICHAEL WEIR AND ALAN GOODISON. THEY PROVIDED A BRIEFING ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF UK ACTIONS ON CYPRUS. THE MAIN POINTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A) THERE IS A DANGER THAT THE SECOND ROUND OF GENEVA TALKS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. THE UK BELIEVES THAT THE TURKS ARE READY TO COME TO THE MEETING. THEY FEAR THAT DOMESTIC PRESSURES AND INDICATIONS OF AN UNYIELDING

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TURKS MAY FORCE GREEKS TO TRY TO POSTPONE TALKS. THE IMPORTANT POINT HERE, OFFICIALS SAY, IS THAT SOMEBODY MUST LEAN ON TURKEY TO BE REASONABLE ENOUGH TO ALLOW MEANINGFUL GREEK PARTICIPATION. FURTHER, MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR JOB OF WORKING ON TURKS IS U.S. SINCE UK HAS ALMOST NO LEVERAGE WITH TURKS. EACH OF THE OFFICIALS MENTIONED THIS POINT SEVERAL TIMES TO EAGLETON AND PREDICTED THAT U.S. WOULD BE ASKED BY THE BRITISH TO DO A LOT OF WORK WITH TURKEY OVER PERIOD OF TALKS.

B) ON ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENEVA, FONSECA CALLAGHAN HOPES FIRST MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 8. HE PLANS TO LEAVE LONDON IN AFTERNOON OF THAT DAY. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BRENCHLY AND GOODISON AND PRIVATE SECRETARY. HE ONLY PLANS TO STAY IN GENEVA FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS. KILLICK SAID HE THOUGHT FOREIGN SECRETARY WOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM LONDON TO GENEVA FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE STABLER IF LATTER WISHES.

C) UK OFFICIALS SAID THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IS KEEPING VERY LOW PROFILE HERE IN LONDON. HE HAS INDICATED HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO RETURN TO CYPRUS IN NEAR FUTURE, WILL NOT TRY TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO CLERIDES BUT WILL RESERVE RIGHT TO COMMENT ON FINAL SETTLEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES FIRM.

2. LONDON TIMES OF AUGUST 5 CARRIES INTERVIEW OF MAKARIOS BY DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT A.M. RENDEL WHICH CORROBORATES PARA (C) ABOVE. MAKARIOS INDICATED "IT WAS OPEN TO HIM TO RETURN TO CYPRUS AT ANY TIME." BUT HIS PRIMARY CONCERN WAS NOT HIS RETURN BUT THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS. MAKARIOS IS QUOTED "I WILL RETURN TO CYPRUS AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE GREEK OFFICERS . . ." RENDEL CONCLUDES THAT THE ARCHBISHOP IS CONTEMPLATING POSSIBILITY OF LONG AND PATIENT WAIT. COPIES OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

3. THIS TELEGRAM WAS NOT CLEARED WITH EAGLETON BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM LONDON AUGUST 6.

4. AT 1615, AUGUST 6, FCO CALLED TO SAY THAT MR.

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STABLER IS DEFINITELY INVITED TO TRAVEL TO GENEVA WITH SECRETARY CALLAGHAN. IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN MEETS WITH CALLAGHAN A.M., AUGUST 8, STABLER COULD ATTEND MEETING AND DEPART FCO FOR AIRPORT WITH CALLAGHAN'S GROUP IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING. INVITATION STANDS AND WOULD BE EVEN MORE DESIRABLE IF HARTMAN IS UNABLE TO MEET WITH CALLAGHAN ON AUGUST 8. PLEASE ADVISE STABLER'S DESIRES.

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